

“ENCOURAGED BY THE WORD”

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1st Thessalonians 2:1-2, 9-20

October 11, 2015

“And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.”

1 Thessalonians 2:13

OVERALL CONTEXT OF THE PASSAGE:

HARDSHIP ...

- Suffered, insulted, strong opposition – v.2
- Toil, hardship, working night and day – v.3
- Suffered, killed, driven out – v.14-15

PREACHING THE GOSPEL ...

- We dared to tell you his gospel – v.2
- We preached the gospel of God to you – v.9
- Keep us from speaking – v.16

OPPOSITION ...

- They displease God – v.15
- They are hostile to all people – v.15
- They always heap up their sins to the limit – v.15
- We wanted to come, but Satan stopped us – v.18

THANKFUL & ENCOURAGING ...

- As a father deals with his own children we were encouraging, comforting and urging you - v.11-12
- We were torn away from you – v.17
- An intense longing to see you – v.17
- You are our hope, joy, and crown – v.19

1. THE WORD SPOKEN – (verse 13a)

“We also thank God continually because ... you heard the word of God from us.”

“Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.” – Romans 10:17

“You have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God ... the word of the Lord stands forever.” – 1st Peter 1:23-24

2. THE WORD ACCEPTED – (verse 13b)

“We also thank God continually because ... you accepted it as the word of God.”

“When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart’s delight.” – Jeremiah 15:16

“They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.” – Psalm 19:10

3. THE WORD WORKING – (verse 13c)

“We also thank God continually because ... it is at work in you who believe.”

“I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.” – Acts 20:32

“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” – Acts 4:12

4. THE WORD ENCOURAGING – (Psalm 19:7-8)

- Reviving the soul
- Making wise the simple
- Giving joy to the heart
- Giving light to the eyes

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Our Worship on October 1, 2015

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Encouraged
Empowered
Enriched

Welcome to our Worship of the Lord. We gather as part of the family of our heavenly Father. We celebrate the salvation we have in Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and the Lord of our lives. May the peace and joy of the Lord be yours today! We invite you to remain after Worship and enjoy some refreshments and friendly conversation.

PRAISING GOD TOGETHER

Announcements – *Please sign and pass the red friendship books.*

Opening Devotion and Prayer

Singing Praises to Jesus

Greeting Each Other and Welcoming Our Guests

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:10-13

Bible: 819

Message by Pastor Ken Gardner: "Encouraged by the Word."

POWER FOR MINISTRY

Offering Our Gifts to God

Doxology: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Closing Song: "We Fall Down."

Prayer of Blessing on Everyone

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: Samaritan's Purse Christmas Operation Shoebox ministry begins. Share the good news of Jesus Christ. As shoebox gifts are distributed, local pastors or church leaders present the Gospel in a fun way designed for kids while family and friends listen in. Along with their shoebox gift, children also receive The Greatest Gift, a colorful presentation of the Gospel in their own language. Pick up your shoebox in the lobby today.

TUESDAY:

9:00 AM – Prayers & Squares

6:30 PM - TKP #8 - Intuitive (chapter 8) Location TBD.

WEDNESDAY:

9:30 AM – *Discipleship for Busy People*, Session 2-Sin.

7:00 PM – Church Council Meeting

SATURDAY: 8:00 – Noon – Church Workday

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 19th - American Red Cross Blood Drive – 12 PM - 6:15 PM

Oct. 25th - COS children and families to join PUMC at their Family Fall Festival on Sunday

Nov. 1st – Daylight Saving Time ends; set your clock 1 hour back.

Nov. 6-8th – PUMC Men's Retreat @ Camp Kare

Nov. 10th – 7:00 PM - Annual Charge Conference @ PUMC

Nov. 11th – Veteran's Day

Nov. 13th -14th – S.W.I.M. (Supporting Women In Ministry)

Friday: *An Evening with Deborah* presented by Rev. Gwen Ehrenborg; the church is invited (no registration fee for Friday).

Saturday: *A Day of Kingdom Knowledge*. For registration information - go to www.SWIMinternational.org/events.

Nov. 25th - PUMC Thanksgiving Eve Dinner and Worship Service

Nov. 26th – Thanksgiving

Nov. 28th – Decorate the Church for Christmas

Nov. 29th – 1st Sunday in Advent

EXTRAS

“Encouraged, Empowered & Enriched” Series

*“Take the sword of the Spirit, which is **the word of God**.*

*And pray in **the Spirit** on all occasions
with **all kinds of prayers and requests.**”*

1 Ephesians 6:17-18

1. Encouraged By The Word - (Ephesians 6:17)

*“Take **the sword** of the Spirit, which is **the word of God.**”*

2. Empowered By The Spirit – (Ephesians 6:17-18)

*“Take the sword of **the Spirit** . . . and pray in **the Spirit.**”*

3. Enriched By Prayer – (Ephesians 6:18)

*“And pray . . . **with all kinds of prayers and requests.**”*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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